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SUMMARY: THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN
QUICK TO REACT TO QADHAFI'S RECENT CALL FOR THE LIBERATION
OF MADEIRA. U.S. FACILITIES AT LAJES ARE AGAIN AN
ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. GOVERNMENT REACTION: IN A FEB 22 STATEMENT THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS EXPANDED ON FOREIGN MINISTER SA MACHADO'S
FEB 21 STATEMENT REPORTED (REF A) AND CHARACTERIZED QADHAFI'S
LIBERATION CALL AS "INTOLERABLE INTERFERENCE" IN PORTUGUESE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

2. PARTY REACTION

--PS: RUI MATEUS, WHO AS PS INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY VISITED
TRIPOLI RECENTLY, NOTED THAT QADHAFI'S STATEMENTS DO NOT
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REFLECT THE POSITION OF MOST OTHER OAU MEMBERS AND THAT THE
NORMALIZATION OF GOP/LIBYAN RELATIONS MUST BE BASED ON
MUTUAL NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
--UDP: QADHAFI'S STATEMENTS ARE EXTREMELY SERIOUS SINCE
THE MADEIRA SEPARATISTS REPRESENT ONLY " HANDFUL OF
FASCISTS IN THE SERVICE OF U.S. IMPERIALISM."
--PCP: MADEIRA IS A NATIONAL TERRITORY AND THE MADEIRAN

AND AZOREAN SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS REPRESENT FASCIST, ANTI-NATIONAL ELEMENTS AGAINST WHICH PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC FORCES MUST CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE. THE PRO-COMMUNIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" HAS BEEN QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT THE STATUS OF THE ISLANDS IS A QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. "THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND PARTICULARLY THE HARD-LINE ARAB STATES NEED GUARANTEES THAT MADEIRA AND THE AZORES WILL NOT BE USED FOR EVEN LOGISTICAL SUPPORT BY THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM." QADHAFI, THE REPORT CONTINUED, "IS NOT MOVED BY A SENSE OF SOLIDARITY WITH MADEIRAN SEPARATISTS. HE IS MORE CONCERNED WITH THE OPERATIONAL AND STRATEGIC UTILIZATION OF THE ISLANDS IN RELATION TO THE MIDDLE EAST THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT HIDE BEHIND HISTORICAL ARGUMENTS. IT MUST FACE THE ISSUE AS ONE OF NATIONAL POLICY."

3. COMMENT: QADHAFI'S REMARKS ARE SURE TO COMPLICATE GOP EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH LIBYA. MORE IMPORTANT FROM OUR STANDPOINT ARE THE POINTED REMINDERS IN THE PRO-PCP PRESS OF USE OF LAJES DURING THE 1973 MIDEAST WAR. WE EXPECT THIS THEME TO BE ECHOED AGAIN AND AGAIN BEFORE WE CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT.
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